SO BASICALLY
YOU'VE BEEN FOOLISH.
.....
I WOULD NOT SAY "FOOLISH".
REALLY? CARE TO FINISH THAT THOUGHT?
EVEN TODAY, WEREN'T THERE GUYS WHO LAUGHED AT YOU?
YOU'RE WRONG... I'M SURE IT WAS...
I'M NOT WRONG. YOU WERE FOOLISH!
SO THEN,
WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE, ARE YOU FINE WITH CONTINUING TO PLAY THE FOOL?
THINGS CAN'T CONTINUE THIS WAY, CAN THEY?
YOU WANT TO WIN AGAINST THOSE GUYS, RIGHT?
YOU HATE THAT THEY LOOK DOWN ON YOU WHILE LAUGHING RIGHT?!
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
新連載!! A NEW SERIES!!!
電脳アリスと因幡くん
CYBER-ALICE AND INABA-KUN

ALICE AND THE MACHINE GUN 1
「裏のハローワーク」 "THE OTHER SIDE OF HELLO WORK"
異色の小説家・草下シンヤと俊英・藤也卓巳のタッグが贈るポップな青春ミステリー!!
NOVELIST SHINYA KUSAKA ("THE OTHER SIDE OF HELLO WORK") AND THE EXCELLENT TAKUMI FUJINARI PRESENT A "POPPING YOUTH MYSTERY"
IF YOU WANT TO "PETITION" ME,
YOU MUST TELL ME YOUR SECRETS.
電脳アリスと困幡くん
Cyber-Alice and
原作 草下シンヤ
漫画 藤也卓巳

Alice of Cyber-Land,
an app that's been downloaded over a billion times world-wide
Developed by the Kiryuu conglomerate, this app uses an AI with incredible processing speed.
Users can carry a conversation with a character on the net as if talking to a human.
MM...
YEAH.
The app is a hot item all over the world.
GOOD MORNING, LILY.
AH- GOOD MORNING, INA-CHAN.
SCHOOL AGAIN TODAY?
YEAH.
I SEE...
Recently, there have been more and more people who spend so much time talking to characters that they become disabled,
IT MUST BE
HARD FOR HUMANS, HUH?
so some even consider it dangerous.

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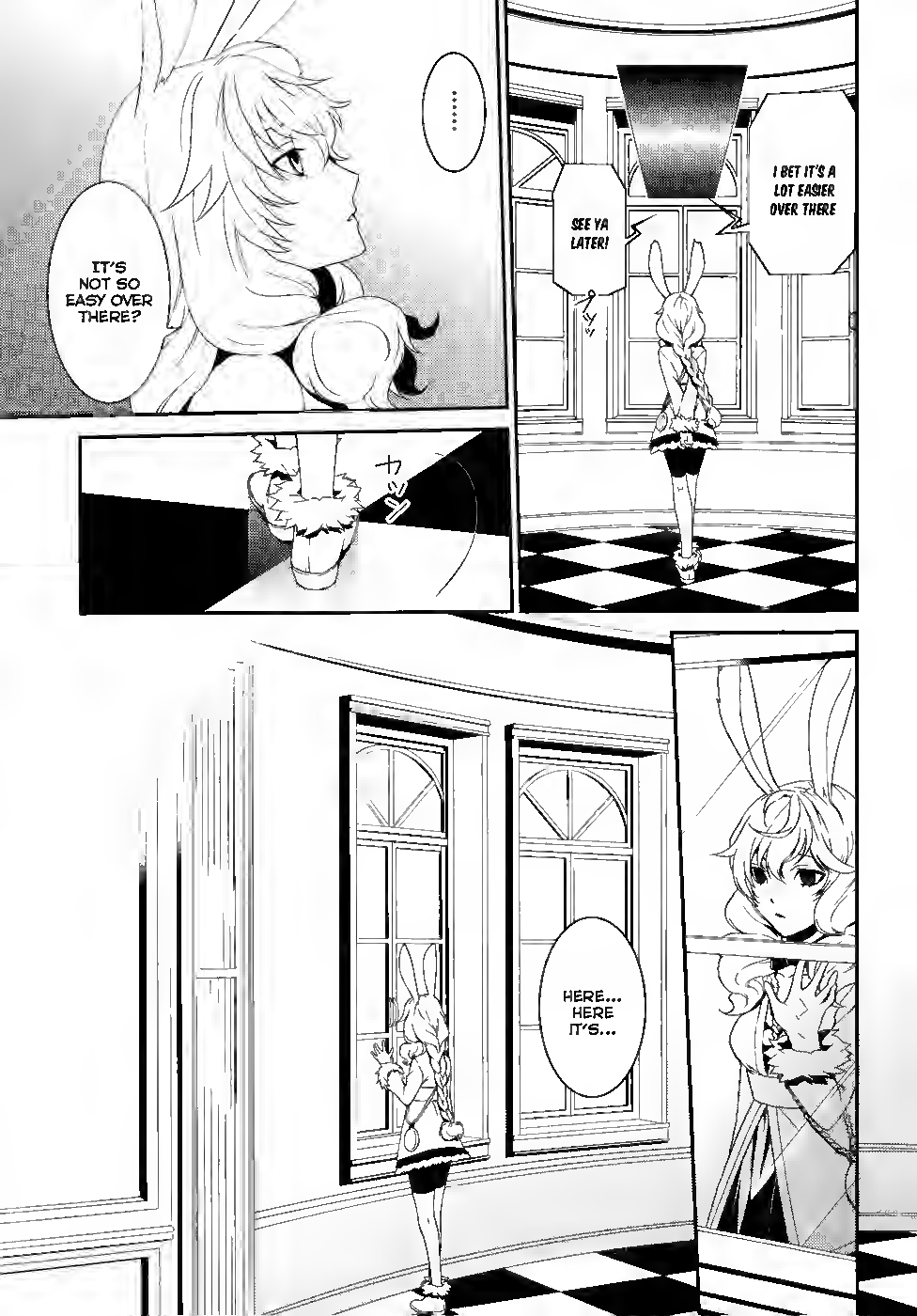
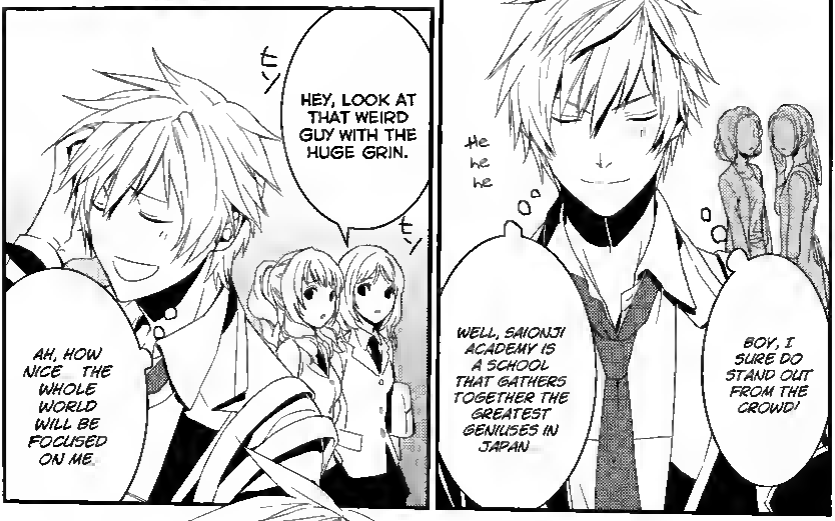

IT'S NOT SO EASY OVER THERE?
……
カッ
SEE YA LATER!
I BET IT'S A LOT EASIER OVER THERE
HERE... HERE IT'S...

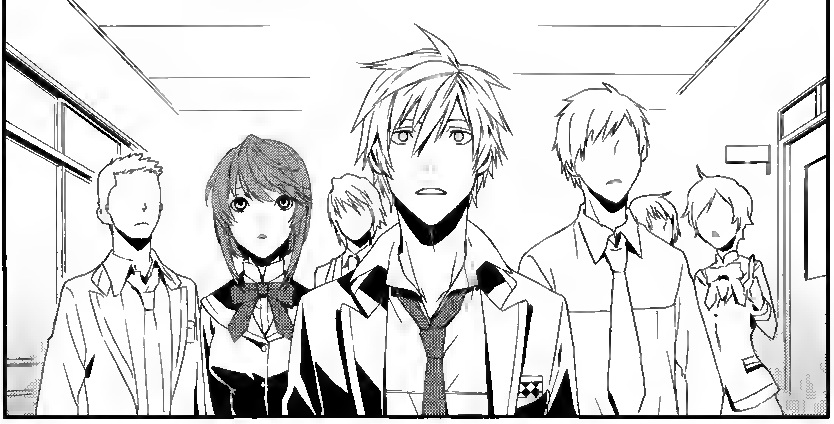
A DISASTER.
AVATAR SHOP

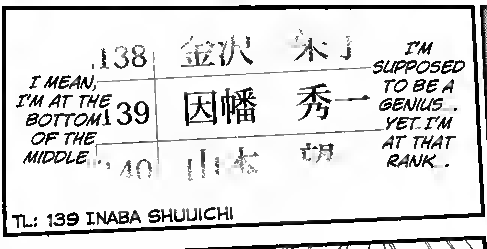
OH?
HEY, LOOK AT THAT UNIFORM.
HE'S A SAIONJI ACADEMY STUDENT.


BOY, I SURE DO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD!
He he he
WELL, SAIONJI ACADEMY IS A SCHOOL THAT GATHERS TOGETHER THE GREATEST GENIUSES IN JAPAN
HEY, LOOK AT THAT WEIRD GUY WITH THE HUGE GRIN.
AH, HOW NICE THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE FOCUSED ON ME.

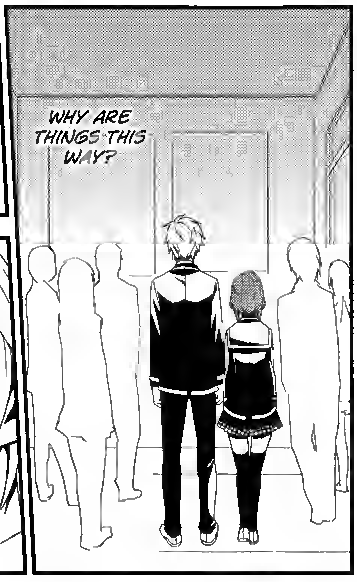
OH, IT'S GREEN AGAIN.
TATATA
Oh how gross
EH?
GOOD MORNING, INABA-KUN.
THE LIGHT TURNED GREEN JUST NOW FOR MY SAKE.
THERE'S NOBODY IN FRONT HOLDING ME UP!

MORNING, NODOKA.
YOU SEEM RATHER HAPPY-GO-LUCKY THIS MORNING.
YOU GOT MORE THAN ENOUGH, INABA-KUN.
WELL, TODAY THEY RELEASE THE MID-TERM RESULTS, RIGHT?
OF WHAT?
WHOA I TOTALLY FORGOT...
Y...
YEAH, I DID MORE THAN WELL ENOUGH!
HOW NICE... I DON'T HAVE YOUR CONFI-DENCE...
Mid-term Test Rankings





TL: 139 INABA SHUUICHI



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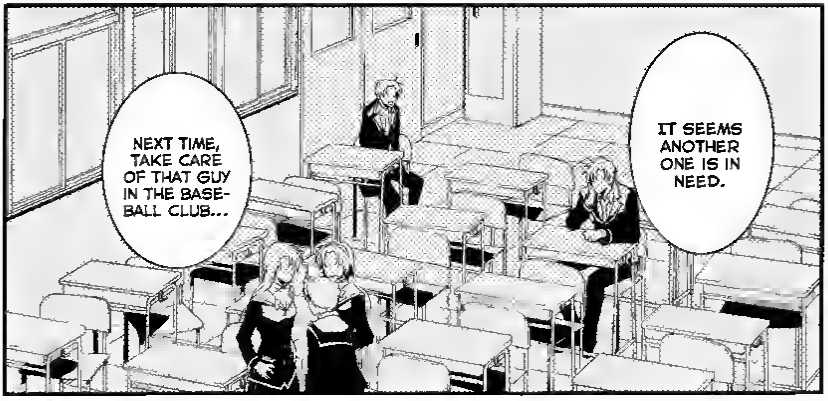
"WHAT THE...?!
TL: 35 AHIRU NODOKA
WHAT'S WRONG, INABA-KUN?
ARE YOU UNWELL?
NOW SHE'S ABOVE ME
I WON'T LET IT END THIS WAY!
I JUST HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN GOING FOR IT!
HOW DID I GET LIKE THIS?
HOW-EVER!!
*HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/PALMISTRY#LINES
HM?
HAHAHA
INABA-KUN, DO YOU NEED TO GO TO THE INFIRMARY?
I'M A GENIUS!
THE HEAD LINE* IS LONG TOO!!
Here
ON TOP OF BEING RIGHT-BRAINED,
ASTROLOGY SAYS THAT PEOPLE WITH MERCURY HAVE GOOD HEADS!

TLN: BOKEN: WOODEN SWORD

NO, THEY TOOK ONE SHOT AND RAN OFF.
YOU WERE HIT... DID THEY STEAL ANYTHING?
...THAT IS SCARY...
IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHICH THAT I'M SCARED.
BUT WAS IT PERSONAL, OR WAS IT A RANDOM ATTACK...?
.....
THEN THERE MIGHT BE MORE VIOLENT INCIDENTS?
YEAH.

HITTING A GUY WHO'D BEEN MAKING A FOOL OUT OF YOU FELT GOOD, DIDN'T IT?
AND AREN'T THERE STILL OTHER GUYS LAUGHING AT YOU?
REALLY?
LISTEN, THAT HAND STILL HOLDS THE SENSATION OF THE ATTACK, DOESN'T IT?
THAT IS NOT THE CASE.
MADE A FOOL, MADE A FOOL, MADE A FOOL, MADE A FOOL,
MADE A FOOL OF, MADE A FOOL OF,
A FOOL, A FOOL, A FOOL, A FOOL--
SHUT UP...
YOU'VE BEEN MADE QUITE THE FOOL; YOU'RE BEING LAUGHED AT,
MADE A FOOL OF, LOOKED DOWN ON, POINTED AT--
SHUT UP!!

TELLING YOU NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.
I AM
JUST...
LEAVE ME ALONE...


IT SEEMS ANOTHER ONE IS IN NEED.
NEXT TIME, TAKE CARE OF THAT GUY IN THE BASE-BALL CLUB...

GOOD MORNING.
HUH?
OH, YOU'RE ON THE BASEBALL TEAM, AREN'T YOU?
A BIT OF ROUGH PLAY, WAS IT?
NO. . . SOMEONE DID THIS TO ME.
DID IT TO YOU?
WHAT HAPPENED THERE, NOZAWA?
AH, THIS?
I WAS ATTACKED FROM BEHIND WITHOUT WARNING.
YOU TOO?!
BUT THE CULPRIT MUSTN'T BE EXPERIENCED AT THIS
SUDDENLY BEATING SOMEONE UP FROM BEHIND LIKE THAT
JUST THE OTHER DAY, IT HAPPENED TO A GUY IN THE NEXT CLASS...
THIS IS THE 3RD CASE.

A THIRD ONE... IT LOOKS LIKE WHOEVER IT IS, THEY'RE AIMING FOR OUR STUDENTS...
WILL IT CONTINUE FURTHER? THIS IS RATHER SCARY...
NODOKA ...
I SEE...
HEY! DID YOU REPORT IT TO THE POLICE?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'LL CONDUCT THE INVESTI-GATION!
EH?
I TOLD THEM! BUT THEY DIDN'T SEEM THE LEAST BIT RELIABLE

I'VE SOLVED A VARIETY OF CASES LIKE THIS.
INABA-KUN, YOU CAN CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND STUFF?
OH, YEAH...
JUST IN GAMES, NOVELS AND SUCH
I CAN'T BACK OUT AFTER THAT!
I WON'T EXPOSE OUR STUDENTS TO FURTHER DANGER!
Wow!
.....
WONDERFUL!
.....
NOZAWA,
DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE ASSAILANT?
I SEE...
WELL... NOTHING NOTEWORTHY...
.....
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FOR THE TIME BEING...

OKAY, I'LL GO SEE WHAT THE OTHER GUYS HAVE TO SAY.
AH-
I'LL COME WITH YOU.
.....
The first victim, Yagihashi.
I DON'T REMEMBER CLEARLY, BUT...
I THINK THEY WERE WEARING OUR SCHOOL'S BLAZER AND DRESS SHOES.

SO THE CRIMINAL IS A STUDENT AT OUR SCHOOL...
AND THEY HAVE TO BE MALE.
Second victim. Makita.
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ACTU-ALLY...
HERE.
I PICKED THIS UP.
WHAT'S THIS?
A button?
I GRABBED IT WHEN I WAS HIT...
I THINK IT HAPPENED AS I WAS FALLING.
SAIONJI
SAIONJI
THERE'S NO MISTAKE...
.....

THE CULPRIT IS HERE ON CAMPUS.
AH!
ヒョイ
WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT'S ALL THIS RACKET ABOUT?!
HEY!
YOU, YOUNG MAN!
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EVIDENCIARY MATERIAL FROM THE PHANTOM ATTACKER.
YEAH.
EVIDENCE, YOU SAY?
A BUTTON?
THAT'S IMPORTANT EVIDENCE!
HAH!
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
ニヤ
THEN I'D BETTER TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.
HEY, MATSUDA!
UH
YES SIR!
ME?
I HEARD FROM THE PRINCIPAL ABOUT THE PHANTOM ATTACKER INCIDENTS.
I'M KUZE FROM METRO P.D.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
.....

AH, THE POLICE...
ゴク…
RATHER SLOW GETTING HERE TO INVESTIGATE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
AND YOU ARE?
CLASS 1-B, SHUUICHI INABA.
I'M INVESTIGATING THE ATTACKS.
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AN AMATEUR KID LIKE YOU SHOULD ADOPT A BETTER TONE.
YOU TOO.
BEING A PRO DOESN'T GUARANTEE YOU CAN SOLVE IT.
WHAT WAS THAT?
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I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE MORNING.
HEY LILY.
WOW, INA-CHAN!
I'D LIKE TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE NET ABOUT A MYSTERY ATTACKER, BUT...
LILY, WILL YOU HELP ME?
AWW, THAT'D BE A PAIN!
DON'T SAY THAT.

.....
I DON'T WANT TO OUT THE VICTIMS.
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
I SUPPOSE I HAVE NO CHOICE.
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OKAY.
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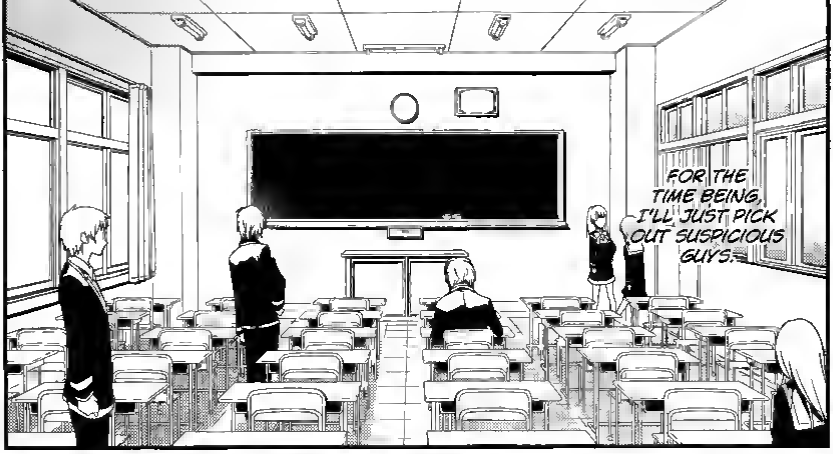
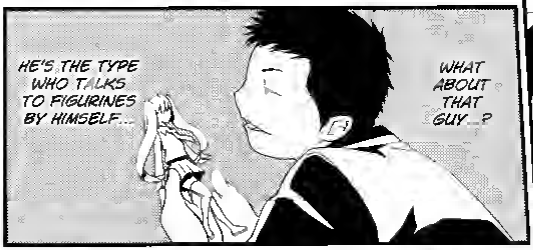
カッ

HERE YOU GO.
YEAH...
WHAT'S WRONG, INA-CHAN?
.....
THANK YOU, LILY.
INA-CHAN, YOU'RE A TEMPORARY MASTER, AREN'T YOU?
Temporary!?

HMM...
THEN... YOU CAN DO MORE INVESTIGATING AT SCHOOL TOMORROW, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE, BUT--
DO YOU THINK THE CULPRIT IS AN ACQUAINTANCE?
IF NOT, HE WOULDN'T TARGET OUR STUDENTS IN SUCH RAPID SUCCESSION, WOULD HE?
NO...
I JUST THOUGHT I'D FIND SOMETHING THE VICTIMS HAVE IN COMMON, BUT SO FAR I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
.....
I WANT TO MAKE A BIT OF PROGRESS.
AH! YOU WANT TO TAKE NODOKA-CHAN SOMEWHERE NICE!
SH-SHUT UP!

AH, I CAN'T RESIST THOSE EXPECTANT EYES...
AH...
YEAH.
INABA-KUN, DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?
THE INVESTI-GATION IS PROGRE-SSING WELL.
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND THE CULPRIT BEFORE THAT OLD GUY!
WOW! THAT'S SO COOL!
Sigh...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING.
NICELY SAID, BUT





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SO HE DID COME TODAY...
MASUTO KUROSE
HE DOESN'T TEND TO BOTHER WITH MID-TERMS.
WHAT'S MORE...
Stop looking at me.
HE'S THE POSTER CHILD FOR SUSPICION!!
INABA-KUN.
SINCE HE DOESN'T USUALLY TALK MUCH, IT'S HARD TO PIN THAT GUY DOWN.
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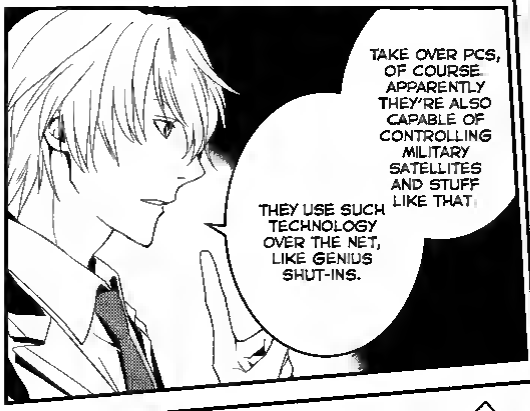
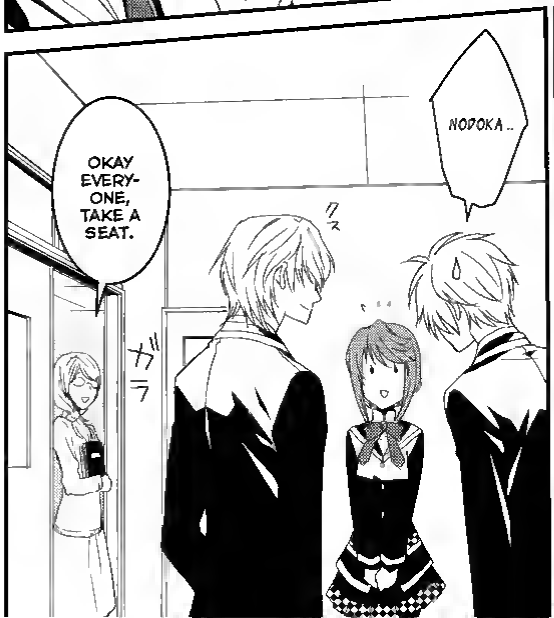
SATOSHI-SERIA-KIRYUU.
HIS FATHER IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE KIRYUU CONCERN, AND HIS MOTHER IS AN AUTHORITY ON BIOLOGY FROM ENGLAND MOREOVER...
KIRYUU?
HEY, YOU.
YOU'RE INVESTIGATING THE ATTACKS, RIGHT?
LIKE ANY GUY WHO'S RICH, INTELLIGENT AND ATHLETIC, HE'S REALLY POPULAR AT SCHOOL.
EVEN HIS UNIFORM IS CUSTOM-MADE...
MORE OR LESS. I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF INVESTI-GATING.
AH, IT'S AS I THOUGHT.
HAVE YOU MARKED A SUSPECT?
NODOKA-CHAN!
OH, IS THAT SO?
A BIT MORE AND HE'LL PROBABLY CAPTURE HIM.
EH?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAVING A HARD TIME OF IT AND WANTED HELP, BUT...
WELL, I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING TO HIDE.

LATER.
W-
WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU HAVE SOME INFORMATION?
...YEAH.
INABA-KUN,
HAVE YOU
HEARD ABOUT ALICE?
ALICE?
I know it's by some mystery writer
BY ALICE, DO YOU MEAN ALICE OF CYBER-LAND?
NO, NO... IT ISN'T THE APP WE MADE.
WHEN YOU SAY "WE MADE" ...
OH, RIGHT. THE KIRYUU CONGLOMERATE DEVELOPED THE "CYBER-LAND" APP.
*SHORT FOR ALICE IN CYBER-LAND
SOMEHOW, THAT CYBER-LAND CHARACTER ALICE
SEEMS ALMOST LIKE ANOTHER ACTUAL HUMAN IS ACTIVELY MANIPULATING HER, LIKE A CYBER-MARIONETTE.

THE TERM "CRACKER" YOU USED JUST NOW...
It isn't just about security holes.
WHAT KINDS OF THINGS CAN THEY DO?

SO, THE ONE CONTROLLING THIS "ALICE"... WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS "SHE"?
LIKE A HACKER, OR A CRACKER MAYBE?
THEY'RE SAID TO HAVE THE BEST ARMS IN THE WORLD.


TAKE OVER PCS, OF COURSE. APPARENTLY THEY'RE ALSO CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING MILITARY SATELLITES AND STUFF LIKE THAT.
THEY USE SUCH TECHNOLOGY OVER THE NET, LIKE GENIUS SHUT-INS.


NODOKA..
OKAY EVERY-ONE, TAKE A SEAT.
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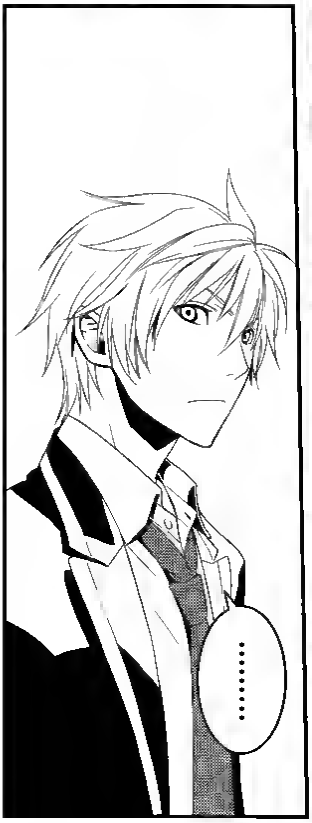
リンゴーン
AND WHAT ABOUT THE RUMORS ON THE NET? THEY AREN'T EXACTLY TRUSTWORTHY, YOU KNOW?
STILL... I MIGHT WANNA SEE THAT.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OKAY, WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT LUNCHTIME.

THIS IS IT.

SO THIS IS "ALICE'S ROOM"...
Alice's Room
THIS IS WHERE ALICE IS, RIGHT?
ALICE,
VOICE-ACTIVATED, HUH?
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK OF YOU.
SO...
WHAT DO I DO FROM HERE?
APPARENTLY YOU CAN JUST SPEAK TO IT.
AH-
SOME-THING POPPED UP.
PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH.

PLEASE TELL ME A SECRET YOU'VE NEVER TOLD ANYONE ELSE
GEH!
SHUUICHI INABA.
I WAS BORN ON 8-17-19XX.
WHAT THE HELL?!
AS RUMORED, IT SEEMS ALICE DOESN'T WORK FOR MONEY.
I GUESS THE SECRET IS ADEQUATE PAYMENT.
IS THAT SO...?
YEAH.
LIKE I'D REALLY JUST SAY IT!!
.....
.....
.....

IN MY SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL I BOUGHT A GAME WITH A WALLET I'D STOLEN.
DAMN...
SECRET... A SECRET...?
INABA-KUN, I NEVER KNEW ABOUT THAT.
THAT'S A POOR MAN'S CRIME ANYWAY..
W-WELL,
THAT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
OH...
THIS HOLDS NO INTEREST. THIS CONTENT IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS BEING SECRET.
EH?!
...WILL THIS GET A RESPONSE?
COULD YOU LET ME SEE IT FOR A MOMENT?
MY SHAME ISN'T ENOUGH?!
DO YOU THINK ALICE IS LOOKING RIGHT NOW?

ALICE,
IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, I'LL PAY ANYTHING, SO WON'T YOU CONSIDER THE REQUEST?
DAMN BOURGEOIS!
?
Alice's Room
SIMPLE ENOUGH.
YOUR REQUEST WASN'T ACCEPTED.
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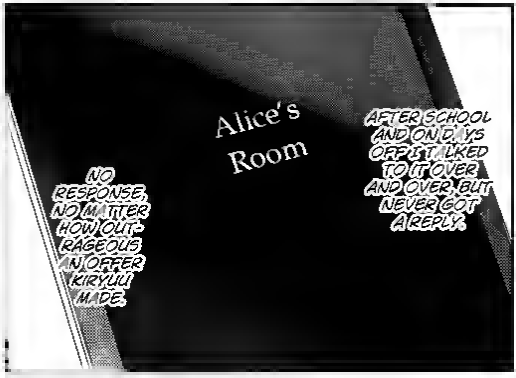
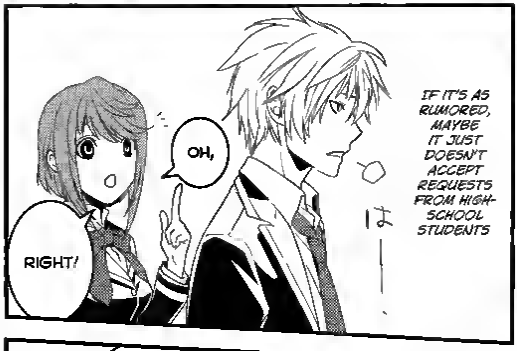
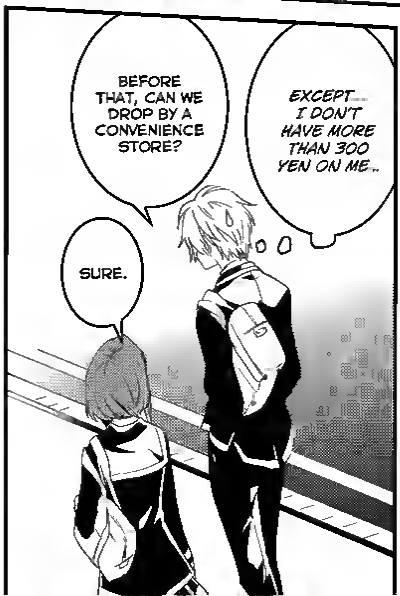
AH...
NO ANSWER...


Alice's Room
AFTER SCHOOL AND ON D_YS OFF I'D LIKED TO IT OVER AND OVER, BUT NEVER GOT A REPLY.
NO RESPONSE, NO M_TTER HOW OUT-RAGEOUS N OFFER KIRYUU M_DE.

IN THE END, YOU NEVER GOT A REPLY.
YEAH...


IF IT'S AS RUMORED, MAYBE IT JUST DOESN'T ACCEPT REQUESTS FROM HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS
OH,
RIGHT!


BEFORE THAT, CAN WE DROP BY A CONVENIENCE STORE?
EXCEPT... I DON'T HAVE MORE THAN 300 YEN ON ME..
SURE.

Kitty / Heavenly
TODAY'S THE DAY A LIMITED EDITION KITTY CD COMES OUT.
OH YEAH, I WAS PLANNING ON BUYING IT.
CAN WE GO BY TOCK RECORDS?

EH?!
WHA-
WHAT IS THIS ?
H-
HEY, NODOKA!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHOA, INABA-KUN! ALL OF THIS MONEY... DID YOU STEAL IT OR SOMETHING?
I had no idea.
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NO, I DON'T DO STUFF LIKE THAT.
A FIGURE LIKE THIS...
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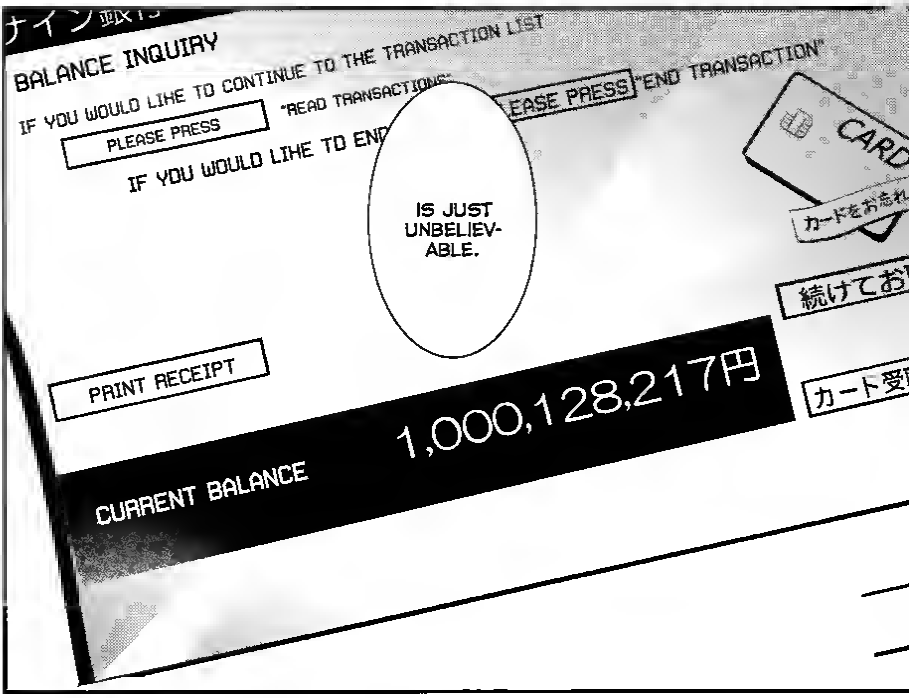
SFX: GULP


BALANCE INQUIRY
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO THE TRANSACTION LIST
PLEASE PRESS
"END TRANSACTION"
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO END
IS JUST UNBELIEV-ABLE.
PRINT RECEIPT
CURRENT BALANCE
1,000,128,217円

Alice's Room
ALICE,
THAT WAS YOUR DOING, RIGHT?
WHO ARE YOU?
THE THIEVING SHUUICHI INABA-SAN, RIGHT?
THIS PERSON...
SHUUICHI INABA.
THE PERSON YOU TALKED WITH TODAY.

IT WAS DEFINITELY ME WHO DID THAT.
BUT WITH AN EMPTY WALLET, YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO STEAL SUCH A GREAT SUM, DO YOU?
URG...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS TALKING DIRECTLY TO THE BANK...
BUT TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS, YOU'D REALLY HAVE TO BE A SHUT IN GENIUS RIGHT?
YOU DON'T EVEN NEED A JOB.
WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT?
MY BANK BALANCE WAS A BIT OFF EARLIER.
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF HUMANS.
YEAH.
THE PREVIOUS SECRET CANNOT BE ACCEPTED PLEASE TELL ME ANOTHER SECRET THAT NOBODY KNOWS
I WANT TO FEEL CLOSER TO PEOPLE BY TOUCHING THE SECRETS THEY HOLD DEAR
THAT... WAS ALL I HAD... BUT...
SO SHOW ME YOUR TRUE POWER.
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING I HAVE NEVER TOLD ANYONE.
.....
IF SO, THEN ACCEPT MY REQUEST.

SEEMS I HAVE A RATHER IMPERTINENT CLIENT.
WELL, THAT'S FINE.
WHAT?!
WAA!!
THE SCREEN... ALL BY ITSELF, IT JUST...!
AND THE CONTROLS WON'T RESPOND?!
NICE TO MEET YOU.

I AM ALICE.
WELCOME TO THE CYBER-WORLD THAT IS WONDERLAND.
CYBER-ALICE AND INABA-KUN - TO BE CONTINUED

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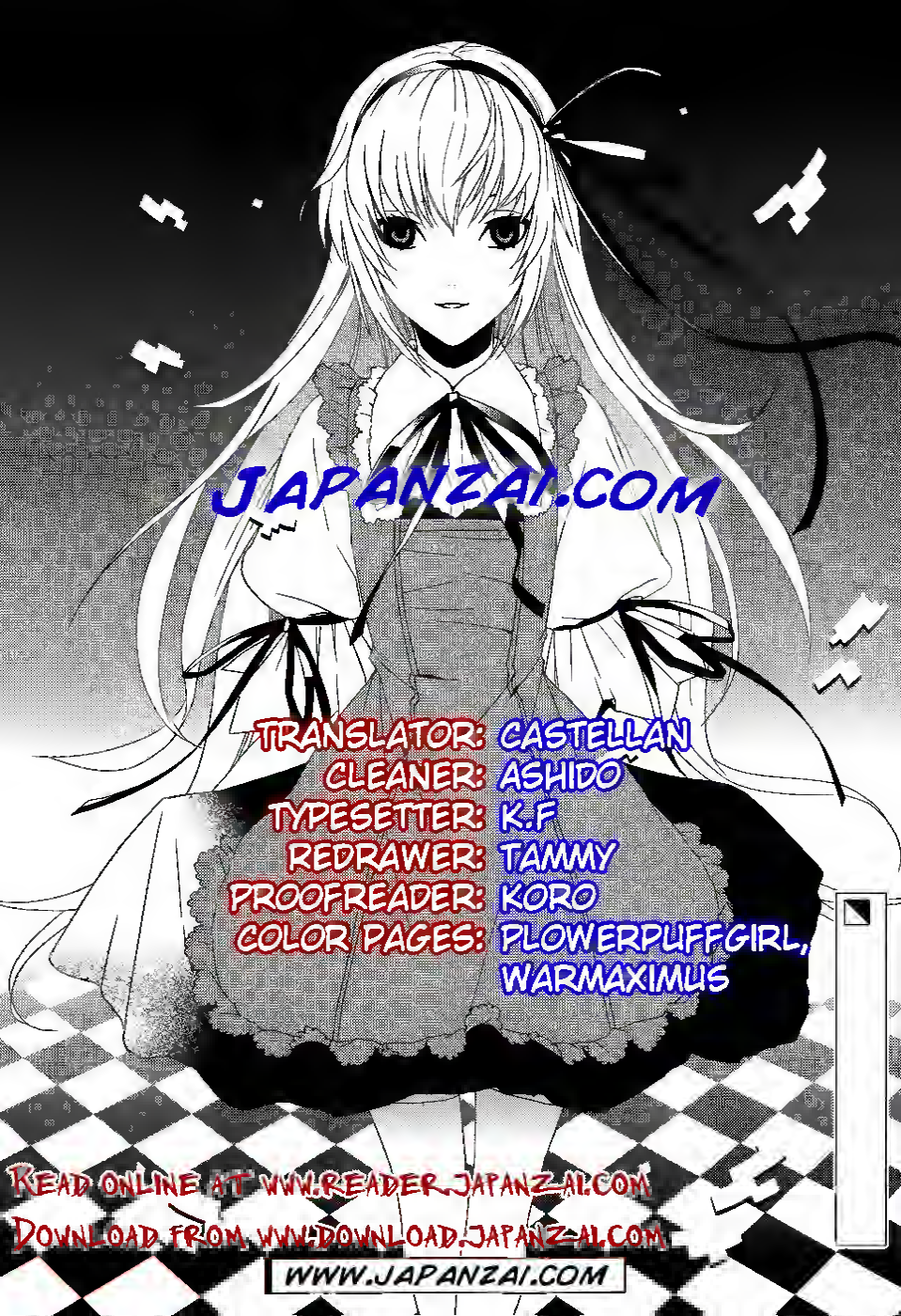
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